GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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COVERAGE OF VILLAGES UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages with habitation of 250 or more connected so far with road and those which remain to be connected under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) whether any time-limit and target has been fixed to provide road connectivity to the remaining villages;

(c) if so,the details thereof;and

(d) the funds released and utilised during the year 2008-09 for the purpose,State-wise/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR.RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.12 due for reply on 13.2.2009.

(a) to (d): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) envisages all weather connectivity to all habitations with population 250 or more in Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand),Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and Tribal (Schedule V) Areas and 500 or more in other parts of the country as per 2001 census. As a part of Bharat Nirman initiative,all habitations with population 500 or more in Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh,Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand),Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and Tribal (Schedule V) Areas and all habitations with population of 1000 or more in other parts of the country are targetted to be connected by all weather roads under the scheme.

Out of 1.67 lakh unconnected habitations eligible under PMGSY,clearance has been accorded to projects worth Rs.88,625.02 crore for construction/upgradation of 3,48,494.10 km.of rural roads which will provide all weather connectivity to 89,901 habitations.Out of this,53,555 habitations have already been connected under PMGSY and works are in different stages of execution for connecting 36,346 habitations.19,618 habitations have been connected under other schemes.State-wise details of status of connectivity of habitations having population 250 or more eligible under PMGSY have been given in Annexure-I.

It is expected that Bharat Nirman targets will be achieved by end of Financial Year 2009-10 and the remaining habitations eligible under PMGSY are expected to be provided with all weather connectivity by end of 12th Five Year Plan.

During Financial year 2008-09, Rs.8,729.19 crore has been released to the States and they have spent Rs.9,006.98 crore till December,2008.Some States have shown expenditure in excess of the amount released in the year.This was due to availability of opening balances carried from previous year.State-wise details are given as Annexure-II.Under the scheme, the States have spent Rs.40,652. 21 crore to complete 1,89,500.84 km.roads.State-wise details are given in Annexure-III.